House Resolution No. 1652

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements; and

Whereas, Eric Friedman has attained considerable distinction as President of Friedman Group Limited and Friedman Development and as co-founder of the Commercial Information Exchange; and

Whereas, Eric Friedman recently enhanced his significant record of accomplishment when he received the Commercial Realtor of the Year Award from the Commercial Board of the Saint Louis Association of Realtors; and

Whereas, a proponent of Missouri's historic tax credits, Eric Friedman has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his unparalleled work with the Lift for Life Academy & Gym, which provides after-school gym and education programs for one hundred fifty at-risk children; Central Reform Congregation, which he helped establish twenty years ago; and such entrepreneurial projects as running a business incubator near Chicago and starting a newspaper in 1973 for Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat employees who were on strike; and

Whereas, a Saint Louis native who decided to become more involved in his hometown after returning from a stint in the United States Army, Eric Friedman started his real estate career over thirty years ago when he went to work for his uncle, Bernard Bernstein, who bought houses to fix up under FHA (Federal Housing Administration) programs and who built new housing in the city; and

Whereas, Eric Friedman started his own commercial real estate company, Friedman Group Limited, in 1995 to involve himself in commercial real estate with a special interest in historical properties:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Eric Friedman as Commercial Realtor of the Year by the Commercial Board of the Saint Louis Association of Realtors and to convey to him this legislative body's best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eric Friedman of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1652, adopted April 13, 2004.